

Rebel tennis tandem aims for OFSAA 2007

Weber, Gillmoure make '06 quarters

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Since Mike Weber and Cam Gillmoure are only in Grade 11, they will get another chance to avenge their loss at the recent OFSAA Tennis Festival.

The senior boys' tennis doubles team from Georgetown lost in the 2006 quarter-finals to a duo from Windsor after taking the game to a 7-7 standoff at Toronto's Rexall Centre.

Gillmoure and Weber, who compete regularly at the Gordon Alcott Tennis Club, qualified for OFSAA after winning the Halton championship late last month. The pair easily beat Abbey Park in the Halton finals by a score of 10-4.

"We were pretty confident we could win Haltons, but next year with our newly practised skills and teamwork, our confidence will grow much stronger, which is something that is very important," said Weber.

After competing in the Halton finals, Weber and Gillmoure were invited to compete at the OFSAA championship held at York University. The duo played four games, winning the first two, losing the third from a tiebreaker to

Windsor, and then losing the fourth consolation game. The scores of the games were 8-5, 8-6, 7-8, 4-8.

The players were very excited they won their first two games, since they felt intimidated by their surroundings.

"After winning, we were very surprised. We walked in and saw that these guys were huge. It was really fun," said Weber.

The biggest opportunity for improvement for next year is teamwork, the players added. When playing against teams they knew they could beat, they found themselves playing at the other team's level. The duo learned the importance of this, and realized that they must set the bar high and bring their play up to this level all the time.

The boys believe they can take what they have learned, work on their teamwork, and be the team to beat at OFSAA 2007. Coach Dan Estevan, a former Rebel competitor who played in the OFSAA tourney as a GDHS student, has started up the tennis program at the school after a seven-year hiatus.

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After placing third at a novice tournament in Chatham this past weekend, the Halton Hills Hawks are tuned up for next week's USFA World Series in Florida, where they'll play in the squirt division. Members of the team (forefront, from left) are: Bat girl Trinity Presswood. Second row: Tearney Johnston-Jones, Cassie Lloyd, Maddison Presswood, Kendra Hole. Third row: Chantal Prevost, Jaime Vieira, Emily Brownhill, Alyssa Page, Maddie Mayberry, Brittany Brown, Abbey O'Keefe. Back row: Dave Kerr, Art Vieira, Dave Lloyd, Ian McLaughlin.

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Squirt Hawks headed for World Series of fastpitch

Lone Canuck entry in tourney leaves for Florida this Friday

The Halton Hills Hawks are set to play host to the 10th-annual youth fastpitch tournament this weekend, featuring 46 teams, but one of their own squads will have to take a pass on this year's event for patriotic reasons.

The squirt Hawks depart this Friday for Panama City, Fla. and the week-long USFA World Series of Fastpitch Championships in the 12-and-under girls' division. There'll be 42 teams in their division, which begins with round-robin play, and the Halton Hills side, ranked among the top three clubs in this country, will be the lone Canadian representative for that age group. Qualifying for the tournament began last year with 863 teams vying for a berth in the World Series finals.

"Every bit of Canadian paraphernalia we can get our hands on, we'll be bringing with us," said Hawks' coach Dave Holmes. "This is as big as it gets in North America for fastpitch, with all the best teams in it. It's amazing that a team from Halton Hills will be going up against teams like Mexico, Los Angeles, Chicago, Georgia and Texas. Four years this team has

been together as a group with this eventual goal in mind."

By winning five tournaments last year, the Hawks qualified for the USFA tourney and they've been playing teams two and three years older than they are this spring in order to get used to the larger diamond dimensions they'll play on in Panama City. The team has an 8-1 record in the Peel/Halton league this year, giving up just 15 runs overall in those contests, boasting depth at all positions.

"It sounds like a cliché, I know, but in all honesty we really don't have any superstars, just an all-around, consistent team effort," Holmes added. "We have a solid core of four starting pitchers and anybody on any night can come through with the offence we need. We beat Guelph 7-2 (last week) and our five-through-nine hitters were either 3-for-3 or 2-for-2 that night."

After the squirts return from the Sunshine State, they'll still be busy with the Peel/Halton league finals and the provincial championships Aug. 18-20 in Whitby.



After finishing ninth overall in boys' doubles at the 2006 OFSAA Tennis Festival in Toronto earlier this month, Georgetown Rebels' teammates Mike Weber (left) and Cameron Gillmoure have their sights set on winning gold medals at the 2007 provincials and will practise at the Gordon Alcott Tennis Club all summer long.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Bulldogs to host skills camp

For the first time, the Halton Hills Minor Lacrosse Association and the Jr. B Bulldogs have teamed up to run a four-day skills development camp at Georgetown's Mold-Masters SportsPlex July 10-13.

The camp is open to youths 8-13 years old and will be broken into two age groups.

Toronto Rock assistant coach Matt Sawyer will be head instructor for the box lacrosse portion of the camp, with current

Jr. B Bulldogs' head coach Blaine McCauley overseeing the field segment. Lunch will be provided all four days. Cost to register is \$250 per player. For more info call 905-877-3402 or e-mail mhancock2@cogeco.ca.

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